

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 11, 2020)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Julie Burch, Recorder

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of February 4, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented to the Civil Air Patrol.

3. PRESENTATION

**A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT)
Training Grant**

I move to approve the LGIT training grant award, OT2008, to provide access to a two year on-line driver training curriculum for County employees, in the amount of \$10,692; and the related budget amendment to establish budget authority and increase the project budget by \$10,692; and to authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan
Abstain: Commissioner O'Connor

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision - Private Landing Strips and Private Helipads in the RCA Critical Area Overlay

I move that the ordinance Allowing Private Landing Strips and Private Helipads in the RCA Critical Area Overlay and prohibiting flight schools and commercial operations as defined in Federal Aviation Administration regulations be adopted as proposed and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT- Request for Public Hearing - Amendments to Chapter 285, Use Number 98, Utility, Minor, of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance

I move that the Department of Land Use and Growth Management be authorized to schedule a morning public hearing for public comments on the Amendments to Number 98, Utility, Minor, of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

Nay: Commissioners Morgan, O'Connor

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing - Surplus Property

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:46 a.m.

Present: David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Notice of Public Hearing was published in *The Enterprise* on January 24 and January 31, 2020.

A public hearing was held to obtain public comment on the disposition of surplus property purchased by the county at the 2017 Tax Sale Auction.

Commissioner President Guy opened the meeting for Public Comment. No public comment was given. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing for public comment noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days and closed the public hearing at 9:50 a.m.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to approve a Letter of Support to the Health and Government Operations Committee or any other Committee for HB 894 - State Procurement - Microbusiness Payment Pilot Program or any cross-filed bill and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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MOTION 2: I move to approve a Letter of Support to the Budget and Taxation Committee or any other Committee for SB 397 - Sales and Use Tax and Personal Property Tax - Exemptions - Data Centers or any cross-filed bill and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 3: I move to approve Letters of Support to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Economic Development and to the Senate Budget and Taxation Subcommittee on Education, Business and Administration for the FY 2021 Commerce Operating Budget Allowance Totals of \$171 Million and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 4: I move to request amendment of Chapter 138 of Article 19 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County to extend the termination date/sunset provision of the St. Mary's County Transfer Tax to October 1, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 5: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign send letters of Support with amendment to Delegate Morgan or the Ways and Means Committee or any other Committee amending HB 414 – St. Mary's County – Property Tax Credit – Improvements to Commercial Real Property to amend the bill to extend the Transfer Tax Authority Sunset Provision until October 1, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 6: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of Support to Senator Bailey or any committee requesting the introduction of a Senate Bill that would extend the sunset of the St. Mary's County Transfer Tax to October 1, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 7: I move to approve and authorize The Commissioner President to sign a Letter of Support to the Judiciary Committee or any committee for HB 1411 – Correctional Services – Transfers to Federal Authorities – Undocumented Immigrants (Protecting Marylanders from Violent Crime Act of 2020) or for any cross-filed bills.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 8: I move to approve and authorize The Commissioner President to sign a Letter of Support to the Judiciary Committee or any committee for HB 914 – Gun Theft Felony Act of 2020 or for any cross-filed bills.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 9: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign a Letter of Support to the Judiciary Committee or any committee for HB 1325 – Crimes of Violence – Parole (Stopping Dangerous and Violent Criminals Act of 2020) or for any cross-filed bills.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 10: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign a Letter of Opposition to the Environment and Transportation Committee or any committee for HB 231 – Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act or for any cross-filed bills.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 25, AND MARCH 3, 2020. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 18, 2020.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2020 Safe To Learn Grant Funding - School Watch Program

I move to approve the budget amendment to establish the project budget for OT2002 Safe to Learn Grant funding. School Watch Program in the amount of \$130,000, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES- Governor's Office for Children-Community Partnership Agreement for FY2020 Local Management Board & Sub-Recipient Agreements

I move to (1) authorize the County LMB Chair and Department Staff to execute the FY2020 Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) Appendices A & B; (2) to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the FY2020 Community Partnership Agreement for project numbers MD2060, MD2062, MD2063, MD2064, MD2067, MD2068, MD2088, from the Governor's Office for Children in the amount of \$473,718 State funds, US2063 from Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$4,972, federal funds, and \$1,102 County Funds for a total of \$479,792; (3) and execute the 4 sub-recipient agreements between County Government and St. Mary's County Public Schools, St. Mary's Health Department, and any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Civil Air Patrol Airport Terminal Lease Agreement

I move to approve the Terminal Lease Agreement for the Civil Air Patrol for use in the airport terminal and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Gateway Chesapeake Bay Grant Application (Piney Point Road Shoreline Stabilization Project on St. Georges Island)

I move to approve the grant application and submittal regarding the Piney Point Road Shoreline Stabilization Project on St. Georges Island and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Gateway Chesapeake Bay Grant Application (Piney Point Lighthouse & Museum Shoreline Stabilization)

I move to approve the grant application and submission to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources regarding the Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum Shoreline Stabilization Project and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Reorganization of Building Services Division

I move to approve DPW&T's proposed reorganization of the Building Services Division with the following (1) title change from Custodian to Janitor ;(2) reclassifying the five (5) Maintenance Mechanic positions from grade 3 to grade 4 and; (3) reclassification of the Senior Maintenance Mechanic from grade 6 to grade 7 with a title change to Supervisor II.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Reorganization (STS & Paratransit ADA/SSTAP)

I move to authorize the Department of Public Works and Transportation to go to bid/RFP and work with procurement for contracting out the operations of the scheduled bus services (STS) and the on-demand system (ADA/SSTAP) including dispatching and bus operating responsibilities; buses currently in the County vehicle inventory and on order; bus vehicle maintenance; and the MTA interface including grants, reporting, service planning and other administrative responsibilities."

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general highlights.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing Real Property.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. REAL PROPERTY

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:25 a.m. to 11:42 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To hold preliminary discussions concerning the purchase or disposition of real property

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 25, 2020

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator